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Greetings for 2022. I hope everyone has enjoyed a relaxing, family filled festive season and start to the new year. I was lucky enough to have all my children home for Christmas and new year which is quite a rare treat these days with 'locked borders' and stricter COVID related travel rules.

I was hoping that 2022 would be relatively 'normal' but the rise of the Omicron variant of COVID-19 has certainly caused some concern as the country entered 'Red' under the traffic light system.

For most of us, it is about carrying on and doing what we can while following the guidelines of the Ministry of Health. When organising events, following the venue guidelines should take the angst out of the decision making. Club meetings should be able to continue; less than 100 attendees (unless clubs have gone with no vaccine pass required which reduces numbers to 25). Projects may need some tweaking but I am sure clubs will continue to do what they always do, serve in their communities.

Please reach out to those who are not comfortable with attending meetings or participating with a large number of people at projects and include them in some way. Let's continue to look out for each other while doing what we can to protect ourselves and those around us.

Unfortunately we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel our Convention which was to be held in Opunake on 26th & 27th Feb. We are working through the logistics of setting up a virtual meeting for Saturday 26th and members will be advised as to how to be involved. Our Remembrance Service will be rescheduled to late May / early June but again details will be advised. Convention registrations will be refunded in full. Clubs are asked to register delegates for voting purposes and a registration form will be circulated to all clubs in the coming days. I would like to express my deepest thanks to the convention committee for the work that had already gone into planning the 'Red Carpet' event. I am sure next year's event will be well supported!

Congratulations to the 14 clubs who have welcomed new members. We have on record, 25 new members inducted so far this year. I know there are a few more! Please add your members! If you are having a problem with doing so, our Administrator Mathew Wellington is more than happy to help or do it for you! Currently our membership is looking a little grim, being down 26 members. Let's reverse the trend with the second half of the year! It may take a little effort with how meetings are run and to keep everyone happy – but kind words and deeds cost nothing.

So, I will leave you with the words of our international President, Douglas X Alexander:

"The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead.

As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service. That begins with each of us.

So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the best is yet to come."

Take care everyone. Look after yourselves, look after each other.

Warmest regards

Megan E



...from the Editor.



Let me start by wishing every one a great new year. By now the holidays are over and life returned to the new normal. Some of the new year resolutions have been forgotten and we are working on next years ones.

DG Megan and I have been busy evaluating Bulletins for the awards and Mat has had some fun with the websites. The winners will be announced soon. Editors, keep up the good work, we have great looking bulletins with lots of photos. I love reading them all.

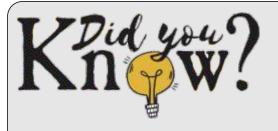
I am looking forward to the Mini Golf tournament in Feilding on the 19th Feb. This is a great way to meet other lions in our district. Make use of this event and join in. I might jump on my motorbike and enjoy ride to Feilding.

Looking forward to your contributions once again. Keep 'em coming.

with kind regards and best wishes

Tobi Hipp

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NZ Lions have partnerships with

- Camp Quality
- Cancer Society
- Diabetes NZ
- Kidney Kids
- NZ Liver Transplant Service
- Hearing Dogs



DISTRICT WEBSITE AWARD - CRITERIA

There will be 4 (four) areas to evaluate the best District website/s. The areas are Strategy, Usability, Style, and Content,

Strategy

Good website design is backed by strategy. Do new visitors get a clear sense of who we are and what we offer when they arrive at your site? Does your design direct visitors to do what they want them to do? Checklist of questions:

- · What category is your organisation, and is that obvious on your website?
- · What is the purpose of your website, and is the design accomplishing it?
- · Who is my target audience, and how does the design take them into consideration?
- · What do I want my visitors to do, and is the design encouraging that action?

Usability

Usability is all about the practical considerations of what goes into good website design, such as speed, user-friendliness, security, technical details like sitemaps, etc.

- How long does it take your pages to load, and will visitors get bored waiting?
- How easy is it to find information?
- · Is there a search button for visitors?
- Do all the links work?
- Does the site work in different browsers? (Internet Explorer, Safari, Firefox, Chrome, etc.)
- Does your site work on mobile devices?

Style

The best designs will align with their brands, create positive impressions for visitors, be clean, and complement the content they're communicating.

- Does your website's style align with our brand in terms of colors, feel, graphics, etc?
- · Is the style consistent throughout the website?
- · Will the style suit my target audience?
- · What feel does the website give—Orderly or messy? Sparse or crowded? Playful or formal?
- · Are photos or decorative touches getting in the way of your message? Make sure our logo and website design align.

Content

The two main considerations regarding content are readability and usefulness.

- · Are the fonts readable?
- · Is there enough contrast between background colors and font colors?
- Is all the text big enough?
- · Will this content be relevant to the reader?
- · Is the content concise but still useful?
- · Does the design make content easy to find?



DISTRICT BULLETIN AWARD - CRITERIA

There are three awards for the bulletin:

- Best Electronic Copy
- Runner-up Electronic Copy
- Best District Editor

Judging Criteria:

The District Governor and Contact Editor must receive the Club Bulletin each month either by email or hard copy - any Club that does not follow this procedure is automatically eliminated from entry.

The Club Bulletin MUST include the following:

- Name of Club, plus postal address and meeting place and time
- Name and Address of Editor

Other details, which should be included, are:

- Name, Address & Telephone Number of Club Officers (not all members)
- Resume of previous meeting (not actually the minutes)
- · Announcements of actions taken by the Club
- Committee Reports
- Clubs, Zone, District and International news and coming events.
- Some humour
- News of Members
- Editorial (optional)

Judging will take into account:

Presentation + Effectiveness + Originality + Illustrations

The winner of the District Bulletin Award goes forward to the Multiple District's Ron Rowe Bulletin Award.





DIGITAL MARKETING

Marketing Display Network Update

I am pleased to inform that our network is growing. We are now getting to the stage that we can offer advertising as we have options available. Daphne has been very busy finding more hosts, thanks for your hard work.

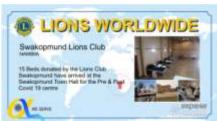
We currently have screens at:



- Hub Fit Hawera
- Upside Down Eatery Hawera
- Suede Hair by design Stratford
- Hairazor Opunake
- GMC Hawera
- · GMC Stratford
- Hipp Accounting
- Stihl Shop Hawera

- Opunake Medical Centre
- Club Hotel Opunake
- Rahotu Tavern
- Farm Source Opunake
- 4U Computer Solutions











To be installed:

- Opunake Allied Petrol
- · Opunake Coastal Pharmacy
- Rahotu Service Station
- · GMC New Plymouth
- · GMC Whanganui
- GMC Feilding
- GMC Palmerston North
- GMC Levin (not our zone but will put one there as well)

As you can see, we are slowly growing and our advertising options are increasing for the advertisers.

At the moment we are looking for references for electricians in our district who could help install monitors if the installations are a bit tricky and our local lions clubs can't do the iob.

Please keep looking for venues where these displays could be installed, talk to the owners and let me know if there is an interest.

Funding

VDG Stephen Barr has applied for some funding available to help create content which will certainly help. I was not planning to charge for the creating of Lions promotional content and see it as part of my voluntary community service but am very thankful for any funding available.

I will try to come along to zone and club visits when I can. If you in the meantime like to talk to me about how your club can get involved, email tobi@hippconsulting.co.nz or call 0276190269

Tobias Hipp







PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Service from the heart with International President, Douglas X. Alexander

Dear Lion,

The new year is a time of great personal reflection and hope for the future. It is an opportunity to celebrate your achievements, build on your successes and find new ways to do even greater things in the months ahead. As Lions, let's use this opportunity to reflect, renew and ready ourselves for a new year of service.

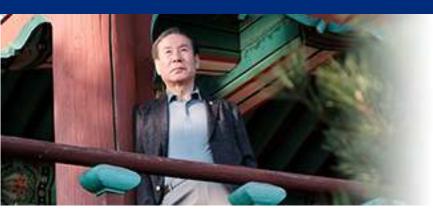
That begins with each of us. So focus on strengthening your club and the incredible connection you share. And encourage each other to grow to your full potential as Lions and community leaders. Because when we ensure that every Lion has the opportunities to live out the service in their hearts, the best is yet to come.

Yours in Service,

Douglas X. Alexander

International President







From LCIF Chairperson Dr. Jung-Yul Choi

Behind every LCIF grant, there's a story filled with inspiration, impact, and kindness. Your support of doing and giving is essential with only five months left to reach our historic campaign goal. When you support LCIF, you support more amazing service through LCIF grants and programs in your community. The news below will help you lead in your service through foundation impact and accomplishments, and information on how LCIF helps Lions and Leos take on our pressing global causes. Thank you for participating in the LCIF Week Melvin Jones photo contest and congratulations to our winners who are featured on the LCIF Facebook page. LCIF is your foundation—and together, we can empower life-changing service.







Since 2002, Lions Clubs International Foundation (LCIF) has partnered with Johnson & Johnson Vision to implement the largest-known, school-based eye health program, Sight for Kids. The program mobilizes Lions and eye care professionals to provide comprehensive eye health services in low-income schools, currently in four countries in Asia, Africa, and Europe. The program provides teachers with training to deliver eye health education, perform a visual acuity test, and screen for common eye conditions. Students identified with potential vision impairment or eye ailments are referred to healthcare providers for evaluation.

Real Impact: By the Numbers

This program has created tremendous impact in communities worldwide. Today, LCIF and our partners at Johnson & Johnson Vision have proudly achieved multiple successes, including:

42 MILLION	3 MILLION	500 THOUSAND
students screened around the world	students reached annually	pairs of eyeglasses provided to children in need
600 THOUSAND	200 THOUSAND	
students treated	teachers engaged	





20 January 2022

By email

To the Lions Clubs of Md202

Hi Everyone,

TONGA - VOLCANIC ERUPTION AND TSUNAMI

Happy New Year.

As you will all be aware last Saturday the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai underwater volcano near Tonga erupted. As a result, a Tsunami hit the Kingdom of Tonga, with effects of the Tsunami being felt around the Pacific.

Communication with the Kingdom of Tonga was cut and is still a major issue. We have had no communication with our Vava'u Lahi Lions Club which is in the Vava'u group of Islands. I have tried to call the President but am still unable to get through which is not a surprise, and I have also sent an email. We do not have a club in Nuku'alofa and have no contacts in that area.

The Tongan Government are coordinating the Relief Efforts and have requested that assistance be contactless since Tonga is Covid free.

I have been in communication with the 202K District Governor Roger Davis as well as MD202 LCIF Chairman Leo Danz and I have been monitoring all the news as well as Government reports. I have also been communicating via emails with a Lion from the from Bair Island Cyber Lions Club which is based in San Francisco. This club has a strong link to their local Tongan Community and have been organising supply boxes to send to Nuku'alofa prior to the eruption and tsunami. They are planning fundraising events at present and will be working with us once we have identified the exact needs.

We have not applied for the Emergency Grant due to the communication issues, as well as our ability and the logistics of getting any items to Tonga at this time. We are looking to assist with the rebuild once we have established communication with Vava'u Lahi Lions and know what the situation is in Vava'u and the exact help that is needed.

We will continue to keep you updated and will let your clubs know of how you may help as soon as we have any further information.

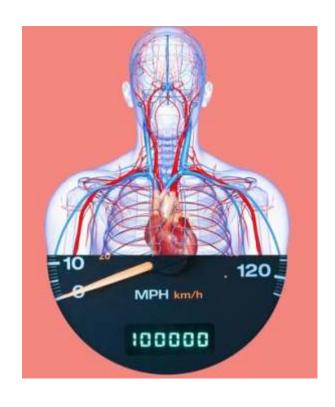
Kind Regards
PDG Christine Ford
202K Pacific Island Region Chairman

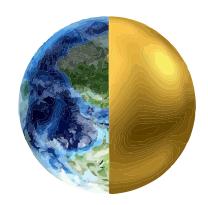




The circulatory system is more than 60,000 miles long

If a child's entire circulatory system—we're talking veins, arteries, and capillaries—were laid out flat, it would stretch for more than 60,000 miles, according to the Franklin Institute. By the time we reach adulthood, our bodies have become home to approximately 100,000 miles of blood vessels.





There's enough gold inside Earth to coat the planet

Turns out, there's quite a bit of gold on—or, really, in—our planet: 99 percent of the precious metal can be found in the Earth's core, Discover Magazine reports. How much is there? Enough to coat the entire surface of the Earth in 1.5 feet of gold.

The first oranges weren't orange

The original oranges from Southeast Asia were a tangerinepomelo hybrid, and they were actually green. In fact, oranges in warmer regions, such as Vietnam and Thailand, still stay green through maturity. Speaking of which, ever wonder which "orange" came first: the color or the fruit? We found out!





Peanuts aren't technically nuts

They're legumes. According to Merriam-Webster, a nut is only a nut if it's "a hard-shelled dry fruit or seed with a separable rind or shell and interior kernel." That means walnuts, almonds, cashews, and pistachios aren't nuts either. They're seeds.





Emma Livingston from Hunterville School won the 202D Junior Speech Contest held by Zoom on December 5th 2021. Emma's speech title was Kiwi slang, and here is her winning speech.

Kiwi Slang



Yoohoo! Rattle your dags, pull up a pew and get comfy coz' were about to crack on. Kiwi Isms.... we've all heard them and use them when talking everyday eh?. Kiwi Isms really are just unique kiwi slang. We New Zealanders have a colourful collection of sayings and catchphrases. Often they make little to no sense at all, for those who aren't kiwis, who are left confused by a conversation they can't understand. Mainly due to the fact these words often have more than one meaning. As kiwis, & I don't mean the bird, summer means a camping holiday by the beach, so here's a beaut little yarn with a few classic kiwi Isms you might just recognise.

The family bach is double booked so off to the camp ground we go. Up at sparrows fart we've loaded up the ute & it's chocka!!! Time to get our A into G, leave the farm and the Wop-Wops behind and make it to the coast this arvo. Hoping for no Sunday drivers taking a tiki tour to delay the roadie, otherwise it'll take yonks to get there. The chilli bin is full of L & P, chocolate fish & pineapple lumps mmm mmmm! We bounce over the camp ground judder bars, with it hosing down on arrival. Don't spit the dummy 'cause of the weather, unpacking still needs to be done. She'll be right, we'll get it sorted. Fresh out of the box, having a mare, we eventually sus out how to pitch the tent. Taking a squiz at the tent it's looking a bit wonky but should be hunky dory and stay standing..... hopefully!

After the hard yakka of unpacking, the sun now shining, it's time to slip, slop, slap and head to the beach to hit the surf. Don't be a wet blanket try something new. Paddle boarding was fun, until it all turned to custard after falling and hitting me noggin. Bugger, not as easy as it looks! Sure was a crack up though. Might give it another go sometime, Yeah, nah. Let's just take a smoko break, everything will soon be tickety boo.

Now it's off for a tramp, lagging behind as having a chin wag so won't bust a gut getting to the top of the hill. So chuffed, I actually made it, but now I'm totally knackered. On the way back we stop at the dairy for an Ice-Block only for it to fall off the stick... Stink! Totally hacked off, have to buy another one and now, I'm skint! With snags on the barbie for tea, drowned in T-Sauce, finished with a huge plate of Pav. Now feeling

a bit crook, might have to make a quick dash to the dunny, camp loos are a bit grotty but gotta go!!! Mate had a wicked week, gutted to be leaving, Time to shoot through though, head back to the sticks and check on the farm. Let's hope nothing's carked it. The kiwi slang certainly brightens up a sentence giving us a laugh. Phew! Nailed it! Cheerio.

Emma Livingston. Hunterville School



Phil, Youth South, presenting Emm





Environmental Video Contest.

This is just a reminder for clubs to encourage entries in this 202D Competition from their local primary and contributing schools. The contest is open to Year 5 & 6 students. Please contact Stephanie or Phil for more information. All the details were sent out to schools when the contest opened in September 2021.



202D Lions Environmental Video Challenge. 2021/2022



Primary (year 5 & 6) students are invited to create a 3-5 minute mini documentary/short film on the theme of.....

'Managing, maintaining and enhancing our freshwater resources to benefit all life on earth'.

. 'Ka ora te wai, ka ora te whenua, ka ora ng **ā** t**ā**ngata' 'If the water is healthy, the land is healthy, the people are healthy'

Entries close May 6th 2022.

Winners to be announced on World Environment Day June 5th 2022

Prizes: Vouchers for schools: 1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200 will be presented to the first 3 winning entries.



For more details please contact:

Stephanie Jordan

Phil Lightbourne

202d.youthsouth@lionsclubs.org.nz





Peace Poster Winner 2021/22:

Every year Lions Clubs International select a theme for the International Peace Poster Contest. This year's theme was 'We are all Connected'. This contest is run over 24 constitutional areas. These posters are judged at Club, District, National before being forwarded to International where the entries have a chance to win \$5,000 US.

Pictured below is Uijini Lee who was a year 8 Student at Hawera St Joseph's School sponsored by Hawera Mt View Lions. Uijini's entry was picked out of 40 Posters as their club winner and was forwarded for District Judging. Chester Burrows a very talented artist himself was the judge this year and choose Uijini's entry as our District winner. Her poster was then forwarded to Multiple Districts for the National Contest. Uijini went up against 6 other Districts and was awarded 1st place at National level.

Uijini's poster has now been forwarded to International and will compete against 23 other entries where she has a chance to win \$5000US. We wish Uijini all the best. She is already a winner in all our eyes.







NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP TARANAKI NEW ZEALAND.

Hosted by District 202D.



TSB Topec

Hydro Road off Junction Road PO Box 8859 New Plymouth.

Afternoon All.

The end of the year is fast approaching. Hopefully by now you would have shared the Information about this great opportunity for Youth aged 12-16 yrs with Clubs in your Districts. Applications will open on the 1st Feb and close 7th May. Hopefully by time June/July comes around Covid will not interfere with the Camp going ahead. It is planned to be a fun filled week of activities, forming lasting friendships, increase in self confidence and a few challenges for all to enjoy.

Clubs are asked to sponsor the \$500 cost. We do however encourage Clubs or even zones to share the sponsorship. Think about encouraging those Youth to share and assist in your fundraising efforts at Club, Zone or even District level. Again, we feel it would be great if each District could sponsor 4 Youth to attend this great opportunity.

It would also be great if you got application forms submitted sooner than later to ensure the Youth's spot at the camp. Clubs/Zones that are sponsoring Youth will be invoiced by end May.

I have attached the information regarding the Camp for your information. Please don't hesitate to make contact if you have any questions or concerns.

For now, I'd like to wish you a happy holiday season and look forward to catching up with you all soon.

Regards Stephanie Jordan MD NZ Inter Youth Exchange Coordinator.





I just wanted to let you know, thanks for the Lions Clubs of 202D and 202M, all Campers in Wellington / Central Districts have this week received a Camp in a Box - full of camp-like fun, activities and games, plus a CQ bucket hat, CQ Buddy bear and a unique CQ activity book of puzzles, recipes and challenges. The feedback from Campers and their parents has been overwhelmingly positive, impressed with the contents of the box and the Camp-like memories it brings back for their child.

Please pass on our thanks from Camp Quality to the clubs in your region that so generously supported our Camp in a Box campaign, ensuring that we could provide some camp-like fun, hope and happiness to children living with cancer.

Finally, Camp Quality is a finalist in the Wellington Regional Airport Community Awards. One of the awards is People's Choice, we would be extremely grateful if you could share the voting details with your Clubs -

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WLGCommunityAwards_PeoplesChoiceAward21 Voting is open till 25 January and only takes a minute.

Many thanks once again for your continued support of Camp Quality.

Regards Matt





Hi everyone, welcome to 2022, the weather is amazing, sunshine day after day, beautiful, however we are all now calling out for rain as everything around us dries out. I have had two weeks in Waitarere Beach looking after my sister's pets due to two bereavements in her partners family, it is very dry and brown here.

I know clubs are just getting back into meetings and projects after the Christmas break, so I don't have much to report for GST.

I know you are all still busy collecting aluminium, glasses, hearing aids, batteries and all the other things we do. I can only encourage you to keep going with all the good work you do in these difficult times. Wearing masks is a hassle, but it is second nature now, flashing our vaccination passes when required, signing in everywhere, it is now life as we know it.

It is such a shame the Convention had to be cancelled, blasted covid, it was going to be really good too. I really feel for Megan, it is a tough year, foiled, but not out, she is doing a great job under extremely difficult circumstances. I was looking forward to seeing the GLOB at convention as I am very impressed by this great project.

I personally have been busy arranging TV screens in businesses and now selling the advertising. This is another great innovation that Tobi has brought to us, I hope all of the clubs are getting on board with this as well. If you need help then contact Tobi or myself as I am helping him get it up and running in other towns in our district. Also, the Youth camp at TOPEC in New Plymouth in July is exciting and I hope we can get the young people there and keep covid away.

Don't forget about the awards, I did hear we did not have many entries, so I am hoping more have come in since, good luck to all those who have entered.

I will try to get to zone meetings this month, so I will see some of you there.

Take care and don't forget to slap on the sunscreen, Daphne Holley GST leader.





Revitalising Membership

By now many of you will have heard DG Megan and I talk about the new membership initiative that is coming next year called the Global Membership Approach. Membership is the life blood of our great organisation. We are not alone in experiencing difficulties on recruiting and retaining members.

This membership programme, while is has come out of LCI, differs in many ways from any previous attempts to grow member numbers:

- 1. We are not being told what to do, we are being given a logical process to help.
- 2. At its centre is an acknowledgement that local people know what will work in their own communities.
- 3. The process is aimed at getting a team of people together from throughout our district to work together, share experiences and come up with a plan that is right for our clubs.

The programme has 4 main areas of focus to grow membership. These are:



So we are needing to get a team of people together to work on this project. We are looking for people who are passionate about what Lions do in our communities and are keen to help ensure this work continues by growing the number of people who are proud to call themselves Lions. If this sounds like something you could be interested in, please contact me.

Stephen Barr

VDG 202D

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Membership



Update on Global Membership Approach

We have now identified over 70 members from throughout the district who are interested in being involved in this new initiative. The plan is to have 2 meetings to brainstorm all of the issues we face and come up with some strategies and plans that will work in our clubs. One will be held in Taranaki, and the other in the Manawatu to minimize travel and make it easier for everyone to participate.

We had been planning to hold these meetings this month, but when the Covid Red Light setting was announced, thought it was wise to hold off until the situation is clearer. We now hope to hold these meetings in mid -March if it looks safe to do so. We will be in contact by e-mail to those who have indicated they are interested in helping.

In the mean -time, it is not too late to get involved so please contact me if you would like to take part.

Stephen Barr VDG 202D

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If are thinking of setting up a charitable trust to comply with recent changes in charities legislation, you are not alone. Many clubs are doing the same and we can help you with the process.

There are several parties that you will need to deal with along the way:

- Your club
- The charities commission
- Incorporated Societies
- Inland Revenue
- Your club's bank

We have developed a straightforward summary which details the steps you need to take when dealing with each of these parties. This is based on the experience of our club, which did this last year. Please contact me and I can send this to you.

There are 2 documents that you will need to use:

- 1. Charitable Trust Deed template
- 2. Standard Lions Club Constitution (latest version)

These are both templates that are simple to fill out. They have been approved by Lions, the Charities Commission, Incorporated Societies and Inland Revenue. Using these documents will streamline the process and ensure that we all operate by the same rules and stand together. I can send these to you as well.

So please don't be afraid or confused by the process. I am happy to come and talk to your board or club about it if needed. We are here to help!!

Stephen Barr

VDG 202D

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"An_irregular newsletter from the Glob."

A significant milestone was achieved this week with Lions My Health Check moving from the planning stage to a tentative toe in the water with a test run at the recent Rongotea Lions BBQ. The debut was very successful but more about that in a minute...

The Core Committee has been an excellent example of how committees should work. Each of the members have a wide range of skills, knowledge of their communities and a willingness to carry out any task that is assigned to them. Under the leadership of Warren Nicholls it has been a thrilling ride that bodes well for the future of the project.

The committee has achieved a number of milestones:

- · The Caravan has received an electrification certificate, registration and a WoF.
- Outdoor furniture and fittings have been donated, begged, borrowed and purchased to provide a
 welcoming outside space for the participants. The Gazebo is on loan from Mitre 10 Feilding an
 excellent example of community involvement.
- District 202D Cabinet have agreed to provide the necessary umbrella organisation under their trust and using a bank account established under their control.
- Meetings are minuted and provide a summary of decisions made and any action items that have been assigned or completed.
- FUNDING always a nightmare on any project. We have been blessed by four clubs in the zone who have contributed \$5,000 and this has been matched by the Lloyd Morgan Charitable Trust.
- All forms, brochures and information sheets have been reprinted to represent Lions involvement in the service
- Currently we are using local club banners and signs but specific My Health Check signs have been ordered.
- Still arranged a suitable itinerary despite the cancellation of many events that the team were counting on to make an impact.
- · Establish documentation and checklists to ensure we offer a consistent service.
- The committee took on the role of running the service as a test and to ensure they have a good understanding of what is required.



The Rongotea Experience

Warren thought the day was over before he got out of his driveway. One of the tyres on the caravan punctured, as you would expect from our friend called Murphy, it was in a difficult situation, unable to be moved and all calls for help were to answer phones! The cavalry in the form of Lions committee members and the AA got the caravan mobile again.

The event was the Rongotea Lions BBQ and some
15 members were co-opted to be our guinea pigs.
Dr. Warren reported he was happy with how the
session went. His only problem was getting the participants to stop talking.



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Some of the comments received from participants were:

The Rongotea 'training run' was a great success. Fifteen Rongotea Lion club members offered themselves as guinea pigs for the Glob Team.

The results were very interesting, Even though this was a very small cohort(due to arriving an hour and a half late due to the puncture) the data obtained by the Glob team is a very valuable insight into the health of our farming community. The data collected shows us:

- The average age is 60-69. Ages varied from 40 to 80+ years.
- · All had a GP and all had been seen by their GP within the last 2 years.
- Most were farmer owners. One was an engineer, one a builder, one a "dogs body" and one a wood turner.
- Two were retired.
- The majority were NZ European. One was Pacific Island and one Latin American.
- The average BMI was 33.
- BPs varied form 178/80 to 120/70.
- All club members were in the" green zone" of the mental health questionaire. Several were under work stress but none reported any significant mental health issues.
- One club member presented with episodic left chest pain associated with an irregular pulse. He was instructed to see his GP ASAP.
- Two other members were instructed to see their GP for high BP.

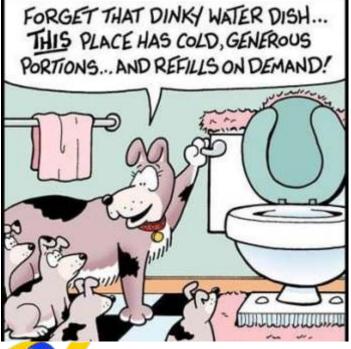


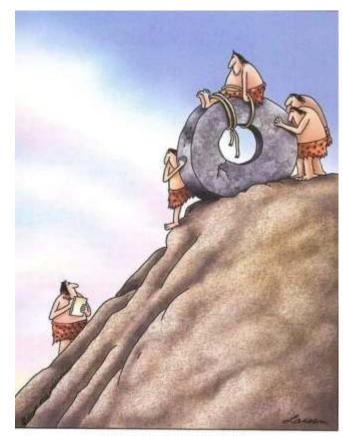
Dean Williamson from Global HQ who donated the caravan attended to see how we went. His comments were "Well done on your great work yesterday. It was awesome to see the Glob back in action"











Early experiments in transportation



"It doesn't mean a thing, but boy, will it drive them crazy a thousand years from now!"





A penguin takes his car to the shop and the mechanic says it'll take about an hour for him to check it. While he waits, the penguin goes to an ice cream shop and orders a big sundae to pass the time. The penguin isn't the neatest eater, and he ends up covered in melted ice cream. When he returns to the shop, the mechanic takes one look at him and says, "Looks like you blew a seal." "No," the penguin insists, "it's just ice

A lizard was walking through the jungle...

...and he comes across a monkey sitting in a tree, smoking a joint. The lizard, being curious, asks the monkey what he was smoking. The monkey replies that he's smoking weed and the Lizard asks if he could try some as he's never had it before. The monkey allows it. After a few tokes, the Lizard becomes really thirsty with cotton mouth and asks for some water. The monkey directs him to a small lake, down the path and take a right by a bush that looks like Shirley Bassey.

The lizard makes his way and sees the lake and starts gulping water like he's borderline death.

A crocodile pops up and is curious why the Lizard is so thirsty. He explains that he tried cannabis for the first time and got thirsty. The Croc asks where he got it from and the Lizard directs him to the monkey. *"take this path and turn left by the bush that looks like Shirley Bassey and you'll see him in a tree"*. The Croc follows the path, takes a left and comes across the monkey. After asking if he could try some of his weed, the monkey, upon seeing this giant croc asks *"Jesus Christ! How much water did you drink??"

A teacher is teaching a class and she sees that Johnny isn't paying attention, so she asks him, "If there are three ducks sitting on a fence, and you shoot one, how many are left?" Johnny says, "None." The teacher asks, "Why?" Johnny says, "Because the shot scared them all off." The teacher says, "No, two, but I like how you're thinking." Johnny asks the teacher, "If you see three women walking out of an ice cream parlor, one is licking her ice cream, one is sucking her ice cream, and one is biting her ice cream, which one is married?" The teacher says, "The one sucking her ice cream." Johnny says, "No, the one with the wedding ring, but I like how you're thinking!"

A wife comes home late one night and quietly opens the door to her bedroom. From under the blanket, she sees four legs instead of just her husband's two. She reaches for a baseball bat and starts hitting the blanket as hard as she can. Once she's done, she goes to the kitchen to have a drink. As she enters, she sees her husband there, reading a magazine. He says, "Hi darling, your parents have come to visit us, so I let them stay in our bedroom. Did you say hello?"







Did you know?

There is an online calendar for the 202D District that should have all our events on. This includes zone and club events. This is a great tool to see what is happening in our district.

February 2022 - Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

15th Tuesday - Int. Childhood Cancer Day 19th Saturday - Mini Golf Comp. Feilding Host Lions Club

March 2022

6th Sunday - Children's Day 8th Tuesday - Int. Womens Day 15th Tuesday - World Sleep Day 20th Sunday - Lions Day with United Nations 26th Saturday - Relay 4 Life Inglewood



National Office: Change of address -

now based at 20 Baxter Street in Warkworth.

New contact details which are: PO Box 154, Warkworth, 0941 Ph 09 422 2021 Our freephone number 0800 546 672 remains the same as do our email addresses.



District 202D Convention



CLUB NEWS

Our Annual Combined Zone 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Mini Golf Friendly Competition won by Feilding Kowhai Lions in 2021 is to be held at 4pm. on Saturday 19th February 2022 at the Feilding Host Lions' Facility with a BBQ to follow. This will be an excellent opportunity for a lot of "bragging" and "catching up chin wags" with Fellow Lions. All Lions please bring a Plate to share.

Fielding Host Lions Club







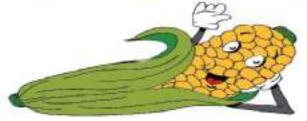
Papaioea Rose City Lions Club - Gift Wrapping

CLUB NEWS



Who are these suspicious looking guys







Alexis & Harper having fun

TARANAKI MAIZE MAZE

Opening – Saturday 22nd Janaury

Open 11 am - 5 pm Weekends & Public Holidays.

Extended hours, late nights, Fright Nights,

and if we have to close due to bad weather

or Covid level changing

it will be advertised via Inglewood Lions Maize Maze Facebook page.

Entry fee: Adults \$10 Children (Under 15 yrs) \$5

Vaccine Pass required for entry

Enquiries/Group bookings contact Dwayne Schimanski 027 8865933







Opunake Lakeside - Beach Picnic





PN Heartlands Lions - Foodbank Collection



Junior Speechmaker competition held at the Toko Hall in November - Toko Lions



PLACEGETTERS WITH THE JUDGES

L-R: Vicky Deone (Judge), Arlo Wells (2nd), Zoe Stewart (1st), Sandra Heal (Judge), Ben Sextus (3rd), Stephen Engelbrecht (Judge), Rex Hodgetts (Organiser)





Do you have a Motor Home or would you like one? You may want to visit the Motor Home show in Ashburton.





To the new members, welcome to the Lions family and those that have transferred, welcome to your new clubs.

December 2021:

ROBERT BRUCE MOAR (PN Mid District) Sponsor: Bruce Deuchras

NEW MEMBER REMINDER

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic Lions Clubs International has extended the waiver of new members fees from July 1st through to 30 June 2022. Get new members recorded on MyLCI before that date to qualify for the waiver.





Multiple District / Council of Governors Updates:

(Copied in the main from District M)

The Lions Skin Cancer Screening Trust:

The Council of Governors, after review of the project feasibility study has given permission for this project to proceed. The formalisation of the governing Trust and its Charitable registration (who will run the project) is still being processed. DG Megan is currently our district representative on the trust.

ANZI:

ANZI 2022 will be in Cairns 22-25 September. The confirmed dates for ANZI in 2023 is 1-3 September in Queenstown.

Child Cancer: (CCF)

The Council of Governors have recently agreed to approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), with the Child Cancer Foundation. This is just awaiting the final sign off. At the current level of donations being made directly to CCF, Lions NZ would be recognized with Super Sponsor Status.

Rowing for Life:

This was scheduled to begin in March with the rowing team arriving in Wellington around the weekend of the Multiple District Convention, 22nd -24th April. Unfortunately, due to Covid / Omicron, this fundraising project has been postponed until next year.

Tonga:

Many clubs in NZ are asking about the best way to assist with the devastation in Tonga. Tonga is part of our Multiple District, District 202K. The best way to make any donations is through LCIF and label with Disaster Relief - Tonga.

Next Council of Governors meeting is in April.







TRAINING AND LEADERSHIP

Since publication of the November Council Meeting Executive Summary, there have been some changes to the training dates for the Institutes (LCIP & ALLI). These are due to travel restrictions in many parts of CA7.

- **LCIP** The training dates were 11-14 February 2022 in Christchurch, new dates yet to be confirmed.
- ALLI Training dates for 2022 have been moved from February 2022 to May 27-29 2022, Brisbane.

Notification of all changes will be sent to applicants, staff and leadership by LCI direct.





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